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第1話

偽造通貨印刷事件

Chapter 1:

Counterfeit Currency Printing Case



I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO USE HIROSHI ...





HE'S
A WERE-
WOLF
POLICE
DOG.

I'M
SURE
YOU'VE
AT LEAST
HEARD
OF HIM.

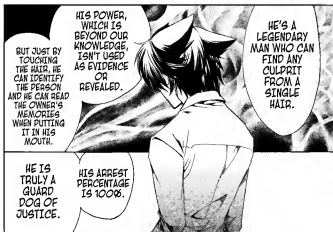
WHICH
INABA
HIROSHI
IS
THAT?



YES.
THAT
INABA
HIRO-
SHI

DO YOU
MEAN
INABA
HIROSHI?

HIRO-
SHI?



BUT JUST BY
TOUCHING
THE HAIR, HE
CAN IDENTIFY
THE PERSON
AND HE CAN READ
THE OWNER'S
MEMORIES
WHEN PUTTING
IT IN HIS
MOUTH.

HIS POWER,
WHICH IS
BEYOND OUR
KNOWLEDGE,
ISN'T USED
AS EVIDENCE
OR
REVEALED.

HE'S A
LEGENDARY
MAN WHO CAN
FIND ANY
CULPRIT
FROM A
SINGLE
HAIR.

HE IS
TRULY A
GUARD
DOG OF
JUSTICE.

HIS ARREST
PERCENTAGE
IS 100%.



HE'S
NO.1 IN "THE
INSPECTOR
I WANT
ORDERING
ME AROUND"
POLL.

THAT'S OUR
INSPECTOR
OGINO.

THOUGH, HE'S
GOT A DIFFICULT
PERSONALITY, SO
HE ONLY LISTENS
TO INSPECTOR
OGINO'S
ORDERS.



INABA
DETECTIVE
AGENCY

WE'RE
FINALLY
GOING TO
BE ABLE
TO ARREST
VALENTINO!

IF THOSE
TWO ARE ON
THE CASE, IT'S
DEFINITELY
GOING TO BE
SOLVED.



I
HAVE A
JOB, YOU
IMMORAL,
CORRUPTED
ASSIST-
ANT.

WE DON'T
WANT YOU
HERE,
EVEN IF YOU
HAVE A VALID
REASON, BUT
YOU CAME
ANYWAY?



YOU HAVE
SOME NERVE
SHOWING UP
UNINVITED.

OGL-
SAN!



LET'S
WORK
TOGETHER
AGAIN.

HIRO-
SHI,

I
NEED
YOUR
HELP.



HE'S
BEEN
PRETTY
TOUGH
TO CATCH.

I'M
CHASING
AFTER
A BANK
ROBBER.





IT'S
ALREADY
BEEN SIX
MONTHS
SINCE I
STARTED
WORKING AT
THE INABA
DETECTIVE
AGENCY DUE
TO THE LOW
WAGE AN HOUR
PAY RATE...

MY
NAME IS
NOZAKI
KET AND
I'M 18
YEARS
OLD.

I
WAS
JUST
GETTING
HUNGRY.

OH,
GOOD.
OCHA-
ZUKE.

WOULD
YOU TWO
STOP
ACTING
LIKE A
WIFE AND
A MOTHER-
IN-LAW
HAVING A
TREACH-
EROUS
BATTLE?



SORRY,
WE'RE OUT OF
CUPS RIGHT NOW,
SO IT'LL BE
STRAIGHT OUT OF
THE RICE MAKER.
IS THAT OKAY?

MY BOSS, INABA-SAN,
IS A FORMER POLICE
DOG WEREWOLF DETECTIVE
WITH A HAIR FETISH.

INABA-SAN'S
SELF-PROCLAIMED
SYMPATHIZER AND
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT,
SASAKI YUUTA-KUN, IS A
CROSS-DRESSING BOY
WHO HARBORS HOSTILITY
TOWARD OGI-SAN.





WANT TO
SEE THE
CUTIE
DANCE?

I'M
IN A
GREAT
MOOD!

FOR CRYING
OUT LOUD...
APPARENTLY
YOU'RE AS
MOODY
AS EVER.

WU... TPOO



IT'S
HEL.

HEY,
YOU, THE
ASSISTANT
THAT
ACTUALLY
WORKS.

INSPECTOR
OGINO
KUNIHARU,
WHO WAS
INABA-
SAN'S PART-
NER WHEN
HE WAS A
POLICE
DOG,

IS
PRETTY
MUCH
LIKE HIS
OWNER.



GRAB



ONLY.

TELL
HIROSHI
LATER.

I'LL
GIVE
YOU THE
DETAILS.



YOU
SEE
...

CUTICLE DETECTIVE INABA



10000

10000

日本銀行券

拾万円

日本銀行



10000

10000

IF
YUKICHI
ISN'T
THERE, IT
SHOULD
BE OB-
VIOUS!

OTHER
THAN
YUKI-
CHI.

THERE'S
NO WAY
TO TELL
THE DIFFER-
ENCE

IT EVEN
FEELS
LIKE THE
REAL THING.

OTHER THAN
YUKICHI,
IT'S
PERFECTLY
COPIED.

THERE
AREN'T
ANY RE-
PORTS
OF THEM
ACTUALLY
BEING
USED.

YEAH.

BUT THIS
CAN'T ACTUALLY
BE CLASSIFIED
AS COUNTER-
FEIT, CAN IT?



I'D
WANT HIM
PUT YOU ON
A 10,000 YEN
NOTE, KIROGANE.

I'D LOVE FOR
HIM TO MAKE A
10,000 YEN
NOTE WITH MY
DAUGHTER ON
IT.

YOU
IDiot.

HEY,
COULD YOU
TWO COME
BACK FROM
YOUR OWN
LITTLE
WORLDT?

I'VE
SEEN MANY
OTHER
VILLAINS
DO THIS
WORK.

BUT
VALENTINO
IS ON A
WHOLE
DIFFERENT
LEVEL.

AND
AS LONG
AS THEY ARE
PACKING CASH,
THEY'LL TAKE
ANY REQUESTS.

IT'S A
DISPLAY
OF THEIR
COUNTER-
FEITING
TECHNIQUE.

THESE
VILLAINS
ARE ON
THAT
MUCH OF
A GLOBAL
SCALE?

THE
ICPO
?!

ACCORDING
TO THE ICPO,
THE FAKE
BELLS ARE
BEING USED
FOR PUB-
LICITY.

FRAUD,
SMUGGLING
WEAPONS,
ASSASSI-
NATIONS,
SPIES...

WE DON'T
HAVE ANY
EVIDENCE,
BUT THERE
ARE TONS
OF ALLE-
GATIONS.

ROBBING
BANKS
IS JUST
THE TIP
OF THE
ICE-
BERG!

OUT OF
ALL OF THE
VILLAINS I'VE
MET,

HE
IS
THE
PUREST
OF EVIL.

HE
JUST
DESIRES
MONEY.

BRING
HIM TO
JUSTICE
WITH YOUR
POWERS!

WE'VE
TRACKED
DOWN HIS
HIDEOUT.

KIRO-
SHI.



IT'S
TOP
PRIOR-
ITY.

IS THAT
REALLY
IMPOR-
TANT?



WHAT
COLOR IS
VALEN-
TINO'S
HAIR?



I'M
GONNA
TAKE A
LOT!

I
WONDER
IF IT'S
WHITE OR
GRAY?

EITHER
WAY, IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE.



OH,
ROI!

I
THINK
IT'S
WHITE.



YOU
SEEM
TO BE
HAVING
FUN.

MAYBE I
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
GET INTO
THE HIDEOUT
WITH NO
NECKTIE!

AM
WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

I BET
HE'S PICKY
ABOUT HIS
HAIRSTYLE.

THIS WILL BE
THE FIRST TIME
I'D BE GETTING A
LUXURIOUS HAIR
FROM AN ITALIAN
MAFIA DON.





A
ONE-
STORY
HOUSE
MADE
OUT OF
WOOD....

IT
REMINDS
ME OF
HOME.



WE
KNOW
SOMEBODY
IS
THERE!

VALEN-
TINO?



IS IT
REALLY
OKAY
FOR VA-
LENTINO
TO BE
IN A
ONE-
STORY
WOODEN
HOUSE?!

REALLY
?!



IT DOES
SEEM LIKE
A NICE
FAMILY
HOUSE.



THE
VALEN-
TINO
FAMILY
IS
HERE.



IT LOOKS
AS THOUGH
I'LL HAVE
TO SHOW
THEM
WHO'S
BOSS.

COULD YOU
TELL THEM WE
DON'T WANT
ANY, DON'T?

THOSE
NEWS-
PAPER
GUYS
REALLY
DON'T
GIVE UP.



I CAN
HEAR
VOL-
CES.

NO.

DID HE
FLIE
?



I'LL
CALL

THE
POLICE!



YEP.

HE'S A GOAT
LIVING IN A
ONE-STORY
WOODEN
HOUSE!

IT'S A
SCAM!



HE'S A
GOAT!

I AM
THE
POLICE.
DOWN
VALEN-
TIMO,



IT'S
THE
COPS!

LORENZO!

LORENZO
WHO IS
MY RIGHT
ARM!





THE MAFIA
IS ALSO
SURPRISED

HE
SEALED
IT!



HE'S BEING
SCOUTED BY
THE MAFIA...

WOULD
YOU LIKE
TO JOIN
OUR
FAMILY?

NOT
BAD.



BY SAYING,
"I'M A LOWLY
DOG OF THE
STATE."

LET ME KNOW
AT ANYTIME
WHEN YOU
WANT SOME
AID.



IF
YOU'RE
GOING
TO RUN,
NOW'S
YOUR
CHANCE.

COME
AT ME
NOW. YOU
SHOULDN'T

SHA, SHA, THE
STRONG-
LOOKING
ONE HAS
BEEN
SEALED,
HE HAS!



IMBA-
GAN.

DAMN IT.
ALL OF
YOU ARE
USELESS.







OH, LEAVE IT TO ME.

I CAN'T FORGIVE HIM, INASA-SAN!



I'VE NEVER SEEN KET-KUN KEEP DODGING OUT THE LOW KICKS LIKE THAT.

HIS RAGE TOWARDS HIS TIGHTNESS ON MONEY IS NOTHING TO LAUGH AT.

CRACK CRACK



PUBLIC OPINION KICK! PUBLIC OPINION KICK! PUBLIC OPINION KICK! PUBLIC OPINION KICK!

CRACK CRACK



OGE-SAN, WHERE ARE YOU POPPING OUT FROM?

LEAVE IT TO ME!

IF YOU CATCH VALENTINO, I'LL LET YOU SHAGGEE MY HAIR.

KIRO-SAN.



A close-up of a character with long, dark hair and a wide, toothy grin. The character is looking directly at the viewer.

VALENTINO!

IT'S BEEN
DETERMINED
THAT YOU'RE
GOING TO
JAIL,

A character with long, dark hair and a choker, looking towards the right. The character has a serious expression.

A
WOLF?!

A close-up of a character's face, showing a wide, toothy grin and a single eye visible.

THE DNA OF
WEREWOLVES THAT HAS
BEEN SECRETLY PASSED
DOWN FROM MEDIEVAL
EUROPE...

ARE YOU
TELLING
ME THAT
RUMOR
WAS TRUE?

Two small, screaming faces, one with a wide grin and one with a single eye visible.

SECRET
DOBERMAN!







WHILE IN HIS TRANSFORMATION, HE CAN GAIN THE POWERS FROM THE AURA HE'S CREATING ON.



THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE HEARD BLACK, ISN'T IT?

HE'S CRAFTY NOW?



EVEN THE FURNITURE IS DETERIORATING!

THIS MIKASMA HAS THE POWER TO THROW ANYONE WITHIN 500 METERS INTO COMPLETE AND UTTER DESPAIR.

WATCH THAT NEGATIVE AURA POURING OUT FROM SENSEI...

どろどろ
グロウ



HOW ARE YOU OKAY, YUUKI-KUN?

IT'S A NEGATIVE AURA THAT DEPRESSES ANYONE.

TO PUT IT SIMPLY,







THE
HELL
?!



DID YOU
WEND
UP IN
SUCH
DESPAIR
THAT
YOU'RE
DROWNING
FROM
REALITY??



HOW ARE
YOU SO FULL
OF HOPES
AND
DREAMS?!



HAS
THE DON
RIDING A
WHITE HORSE
ARRIVED
YET?



LEFT
ARM...



RIGHT
ARM...

RIGHT
ARM...

THE DON
COMING
ACROSSING
HILL...



OH, FLOWER,
TELL ME NOW
THE DON
REALLY
FEELS.

THIS
ISN'T
THE TIME
FOR
THAT,
FLOWER!

YOU
WOULDN'T
EVEN BE
ABLE TO DIE
PROPERLY
IF YOU RAN
INTO SUCH
A SHODDY
SWORDSMAN!

SLASH

SEPPUKU!



WE ARE
WATCHING.

IT'S
TOO
DANGEROUS
FOR US
TO BE
HERE
WITH THAT
MAN.

TCH.



KIRI
...

WHAT
THE HELL
ARE YOU
DOING?!

IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
COMMIT
SEPPUKU,
CUT YOUR
OWN
STOMACH!



OGI-SAN,
YOUR
REVIVAL
IS TOO
HALF-
ASSED!

LOL-
ENJOY,
NOW
DIE!
YOUR!





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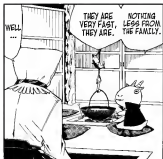
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CHAPTER 2: THE INABA HIROSHI KIDNAPPING CASE





I WOULD
LIKE TO
MAKE THEM
PART OF THE
FAMILY.
I WOULD...

HIS
ASSISTANT
IS LOOKING
AT THE
CAMERA IN
EVERY
SHOT!



WHO'S THE
ONE YOU
WANT ME
TO KILL?

HURRY UP
WITH THE
REPORT!



YES,
SIR.

DAMN IT,
GARRIBELLA.
YOU NEVER
WAIT TO
SHOOT SOME-
ONE'S
BRAIDS OUT.

LOREKID,
PLEASE
CONTINUE.



INABA
MICHIOHT.
CURRENT
OCCUPATION:
DETECTIVE.

HE HAS
ONE FAMILY
MEMBER,
A YOUNGER
BROTHER.

VALENTINE FAMILY
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
GARRIBELLA









WHERE EXACTLY DO WE CALL WHEN WE WANT TO TALK TO A COUNTRY?







Older Brother,  

Let's meet at the
Yoldone Factory site
at 15.00.

It's not a TRAP, so please
come by yourself.

P.S. This is not a trap.

From your
younger brother.  



HE'S GOT
FLUFFY HAIR
LIKE A
PERSIAN
CAT'S TAIL.





WHERE DOES THAT CONFIDENCE COME FROM?

BECAUSE EVERYONE LOVES ME.

I DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO TRAP ME, THOUGH.

YUP YUP!

RIGHT?



THIS HAS GOT TO BE A TRAP.

NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THIS IS SUSPICIOUS!

BUT IT'LL BE DANGEROUS ON YOUR OWN.



AND WHAT IF IT REALLY IS MY BROTHER?!

ARE YOU GONNA TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND BECOME MY YOUNGER BROTHER?!

WHAT IF SOMEONE YOU ARRESTED IS TRYING TO GET REVENGE ON YOU?!

I'M TELLING YOU THIS SO YOU WON'T BE BUMMED OUT LATER! YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER WON'T COME!



LIKE I'D EVER WANT A YOUNGER BROTHER LIKE YOU, YOU IDIOT!

DRINK CONDTIONER AND DIE!

YOU'RE A GREAT OLDER BROTHER, INA-

SORRY! I WAS JUST ON A ROLL....

PAK!



I DON'T WANT A WEIRDO OLDER BROTHER!





MAYBE
IT
REALLY
WAS
HIS
FOUNDER
BROTHER.

IT
DOESN'T
LOOK
LIKE
THEY
HAVE
ANY
TRAPS
SET
UP.



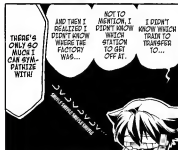
AAA
...



GIVE
HIM
A
CALL.

MAYBE
INABA-SAN
GOT
LOST...

BUT
IT'S
PAST
THE
TIME
IN
THE
LETTER
AND
NO
ONE
IS
HERE.



THERE'S
ONLY
SO
MUCH
I
CAN
SYM-
PATHIZE
WITH!

AND
THEN
I
REALIZED
I
DIDN'T
KNOW
WHERE
THE
FACTORY
WAS...

NOT
TO
MENTION,
I
DIDN'T
KNOW
WHICH
STATION
TO
GET
OFF
AT.

I
DIDN'T
KNOW
WHICH
TRAIN
TO
TRANSFER
TO...



VERY
PERIOD-
TIME!

YOU
GOT
LOST,
DIDN'T
YOU,
INABA-SAN?





ALL THOSE
OVER 146 CM
AND UNDER
162 CM ARE
HER
MINIONS!

SHE IS
THE
POSTER
GIRL OF OUR
FAMILY,
GABRI-
ELLA!

ANYONE
ELSE SHE
WILL KILL
INSTANTLY,
SHE WILL!

THE
MUCH
TALKED
ABOUT
ASSAS-
SIN, SHE
IS!



I'VE
BECOME
FAMOUS AND
EVERYONE
IS JEALOUS
OF ME.

SINCE
SHE
KILLED
ME,



ALL THE DOGS
I'VE BOUGHT
FROM HER ARE
ALL LOYAL AND
OBEDIENT.



HER
KICK
SURE
WOKE
ME UP.



OH,
ALL
RIGHT.

I
PROMISE
TO TAKE
GOOD
CARE OF
HIM.

HOW
I CAN
HAVE HIM,
RIGHT?



THERE
WAS
TOTALLY
A
MURDER
VICTIM
...

SEE?
SHE'S
QUITE
POPULAR.







TSUN
AT 8,
DERE
AT 2.

ACCORD-
ING TO ONE
SOURCE,
THE GOLDEN
RATIO OF
TSUNDERE
IS



DUMB
IT.

HE'S
ALREADY
MADE ME
WAIT SIX
HOURS IN
THIS DUMB
PLACE.



YOU
KNOW
ABOUT
MIYAMOTO
MUSASHI
AND GABBARO
KOTIROU,
DO YOU
NOT?

LISTEN.



HARUKA!

MUSASHI
WAS PRO-
BABLY LATE
ON THE DAY
OF THE
DUEL...



WAIT!

THIS
MAY BE
A PART
OF HIS
PLAN!

THEY'VE
ONLY HAD
WATER
SINCE
YESTER-
DAY!

I'M
GOING
TO GO
HOME AND
FEED MY
NINJOW!

I'M
TAKING
THE
REST
OF THE
DAY
OFF!











WHY DON'T YOU HURRY AND RUN?

KNOWING THAT DOTING PARENT, HE REALLY WILL KILL YOU.

TO BE THREATENED WHEN YOU'RE MAKING A THREATENING PHONE CALL...





















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CHAPTER 3: THE UNDERGROUND CASINO CASE





WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?



MY CAT
ALSO WAITS
FOR ME AT THE
DOOR WHEN I
GET HOME,

BUT
APPARENTLY
DOGS KNOW
WHEN THEIR
OWNERS ARE
COMING,
TOO.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

YOU
WERE
WAIT-
ING
FOR ME?

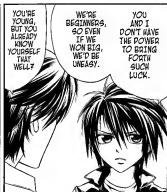


IF IT'S
SOMETHING
OTHER THAN
WORK, I'LL
LISTEN.

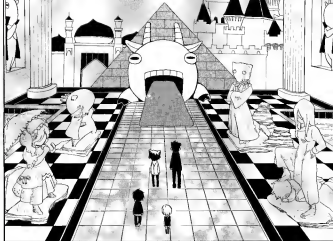
JUST
SO YOU
KNOW, I'M NOT
HELPING
YOU.

YOU
GOD OF
MISFOR-
TUNE.









YUP.

IS THIS THE
ENTRANCE?!
DO WE REALLY
HAVE TO GO
IN?



WHY
WOULD
YOU ASK
ME THAT?

?

AS A VILLAIN
WHO LIVES IN
THE SHADOWS,
HOW DO YOU
FEEL ABOUT THIS
ENTRANCE?



THEY'RE
PRETTY
EASY TO
FIND WHEN
THEY'RE
BEING SO
BLATANT!







LET'S GO
TO THE
ROULETTE
FIRST
SINCE IT'S
CLOSEST.



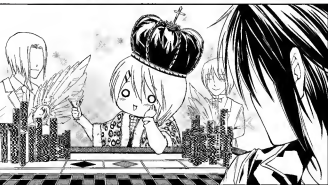
SO
THERE
ARE SIX
AREAS
...

AND
WE'VE
GOT TO
FIND THE
GOAT
SOME-
WHERE...

FIGHT-
AND-
FIGHT
ARENA

BLACK
JACK

POKER



SLOT



IF YOU BOTHER
WITH HIM, THE
GOAT IS THE LAST
THING YOU'LL HAVE
TO WORRY ABOUT.

DON'T
LOOK!

?
WHAT
ABOUT
THE
ROU-
LETTE?





THE GOAT WASN'T THERE,









YOU'RE GROSS!

LO-REN-ZO!



WAIT, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.



THE WOLF?! WHY ARE YOU HERE?!

COME ON! WHICH ONE'S THE SECOND BUTTNY?

I'LL RIP THEM OUT!

WHEN YOU SAID "EVEN" WERE YOU REFERRING TO THESE BUTTNY'S?!



YOU MUTT.

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE LOREN-ZO.



I'VE TAKEN LORENZO NOB-TAGE!

LET GO OF KELL!

HEY, STRENGTHENED HAIR!







TRY
ME.



THAT
MAN IS
DANGER-
OUS.

IT'S
JUST
AS GA-
BRIEL-
LA SAYS.

DON,
TAKE
CARE OF
HIM
FIRST.



EVERY-
ONE HERE
GETS A
CHANCE.

YOU
HEARD
THAT, IN-
SPECTOR
OGINO.

BUT
THIS
IS A
CASINO!



THE
REVOLV-
ER CAN
ONLY CARRY
SIX.

MAKE
SURE YOU
DON'T HIT
SIX.

THE NUMBER
OF BULLETS
DEPENDS
ON THE DICE
THROW.



I'M SURE
YOU'RE
FAMILIAR
WITH
RUSSIAN
ROULETTE.

CLICK





SOMEONE



WHIFF

I'LL
KICK
THE
TABLE

CRAP! MY
LEG'S
TOO
SHORT!



I HAVE
TO DO
SOME-
THING...

CRAP!

IT'S
GOING TO
STOP AT
5!



PING











YAY!

YOU'RE
UNDER
ARREST!



CLINK



IT'S
FINE.

ALL
EXITS
ARE SUR-
ROUNDED
BY THE
POLICE.



SUCH A
WASTE
THAT THEY
WORK
FOR A
GOAT!

LORENZO
AND GA-
BRIELLA
DISAP-
PEARED
?!



HM
?



THOSE TWO WON'T FALL
FOR YOUR
TRAPS.



SHA,
SHA,
SHA,
SHA,
SHA...



THEY
WILL DO
WHAT-
EVER IT
TAKES TO
SAVE ME.

THEY ARE
THE BACK-
BONE
OF MY
FAMILY.

THEY
ARE
RUTH-
LESS
AND
DARING.



BECAUSE
YOU HAVE
CAPTURED
ME!

OR EVEN
BOMBING
THE POLICE
HEADQUAR-
TERS.

THERE
WILL
BE MAY
VICTIMS,
THERE
WILL.

THEY
MIGHT
EVEN BE
CONSID-
ERING A
RETRAC-
ING.



I,
DON
VALEN-
TI...

I WILL
MAKE YOU
REGRET
THIS, I
WILL!

THE ONE
WHO
BRINGS
UPON THE
WORST
RESULTS!





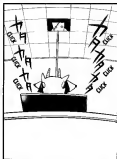
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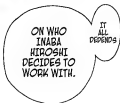
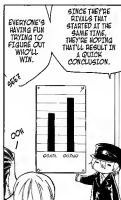
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PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICIAL
RESIDENCE







**I'M NOT
PAIRING
WITH
EITHER
OF YOU!**



ALANNA,
ARE YOU
HAPPY,
TOOT?

THERE,
THERE. I'M
SURE YOU
WERE
LONELY.

Figure 1

HOW
DARE YOU
SHOW HIM
WHERE NO
AGENCY
1971



HE
FOL
LOVE
ME

WHY THE
HELL DID
YOU BRING
HIM?

doi:

WED. 5:30 PM



OF COURSE NOT.

FRIEND OF OIL-
OF ROBERT-444

01

CELTA,
THAT'S
HATE.

16 HIT
COMBO

I'M
GOING
TO EAT
THEM.

YOUR
EARS
ARE AS
PLUMP
AS
BEEF.



SO WHEN I TRANSFERRED TO THE DETECTIVE UNIT, I REPLACED HIM.

WE HAD BEEN IN OPPOSITE DEPARTMENTS,

DEFENSE SECTION BODY-GUARD, OGATA.

I MET HIM WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE.

APPARENTLY THEY DON'T GET ALONG...

000

AND POLICE DOGS THAT COULDN'T HANDLE HIS ANNOYANCE ANYMORE WOULD GO ON STRIKE QUITE OFTEN.

OGATA'S KNOWN TO BE QUITE THE DOG LOVER.

DOWN WITH OGATA

CAUSE OF STRIKE

I SAID I'D TAKE ANYONE OTHER THAN YOU, AND THEY BROUGHT HIM!

MICROBIT'S PARTNER WOULD HAVE BEEN ME IF OGI HADN'T COME ALONG!

HE MUST HAVE BEEN REALLY ANNOYING.

thud
CRUNCH

OH, GEEZ. I'LL PERFORM OFF IMMEDIATELY.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?

BY THE WAY, APPRENTICE,

NOW YOU LOOK SERIOUS!

WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE?

OGATA, THAT'S ENOUGH. IT'S OBVIOUS HE DOESN'T LIKE THAT.





THAT WAS
HIDDEN IN A
SHRINE
THAT WAS
DESTROYED

BUT IT
WAS A
SCROLL



I'VE
NEVER
PERSON-
ALLY
SEEN
THEM,
MYSELF.

WHAT ARE
NATIONAL
TOP SECRET
DOCUMENTS?



IS
JAPAN
REALLY
OKAY?

THAT
HAD A
BOARD
GAME ON IT.



HOWEVER,
WHEN YOU
THROW THE
DICE AND TAKE
A TURN, WORDS
APPEAR ON THE
ACTUAL
SCROLL.

AS YOU CAN
SEE FROM THE
REPLICA,
ROTHERM IS
WRITTEN
ON IT.

THE
GAME
ITSELF
IS
SIMPLE.



STOP
WHISPER-
ING...
AND THAT'S
NOT AN EAR.

OF COURSE,
IT'S NOT ANY
ORDINARY
BOARD GAME.

I'LL
WHISPER
IT INTO
YOUR
EAR,
ROTHERM.



AND
REINACTS
THAT INCIDENT
IN
JAPANESE
HISTORY.

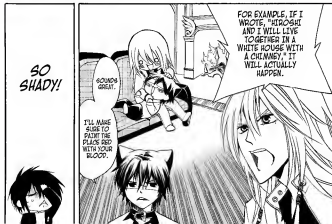
WHAT AP-
PEARS IS A
DATE AND AN
INCIDENT,

AND
THE PLAYER
TRAVELS
BACK TO
THAT
TIME

YOU GET
THE OPPOR-
TUNITY TO
WRITE IN
YOUR
FUTURE
PLANS.

THE GOAL
IS ALSO
LEFT
BLANK,

BUT FOR
THOSE WHO
ARE ABLE TO
REACH IT,



*SO
SHADY!*

SOUNDS
GREAT.

I'LL MAKE
SURE TO
PAINT THE
PLACE RED
WITH YOUR
BLOOD.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF I
WROTE, "HIROSHI
AND I WILL LIVE
TOGETHER IN A
WHITE HOUSE WITH
A CHIMNEY," IT
WILL ACTUALLY
HAPPEN.

AND JAPANESE
HISTORY...

PROFESSIONAL
CRIMINALS...

A BRADY
SCROLL...



WHAT?
YOU KNOW
THE SUS-
PECT?

YOU
BLURTED
IT OUT?!

THE SUS-
PECT IS
LOHNGO
...?



BUT NOW
IT'S IN THE
HANDS OF
SOME
THIEF.

IT HAD BEEN
PASSED DOWN
THROUGH
GENERATIONS OF
PRIME MINISTERS
FOR NATIONAL
DEFENSE WITH
GREAT CARE.

THERE'S
NO DOUBT.
THIS IS
THE WORK
OF A
PROFES-
SIONAL.

BUT WE
HAVE
ABSOLU-
TELY
NO
LEADS.



DON'T
WORRY,
I'LL WIN,
NO MATTER
WHAT.

THINGS

よし
FROM
NOW



WHAT?
YOU'RE
GOING
TO HELP
ME OUT?

OF
COUR-
SE!

THAT WAS
YOUR
CHANCE TO
GET AWAY

AREN'T YOU
TWO IN A
RACE,
OHI-SAN?























*RICE KIDTS. AFTER WORLD WAR 2, BECAUSE OF THE OVER-
BUYING OF RICE, THE PRICE OF RICE INCREASED TO THE
POINT THERE WAS A STORY IN YOKOHAMA, PREFECTURE, AND THEN ALL
ACROSS THE COUNTRY.



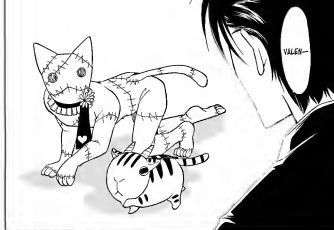












COME ON, POLICE OF JAPAN!

DID HE ESCAPE TI?

WHEE'D THE GOAT GO TI



CATST

OWOW



COME ON, LET'S GO NOW.

HOW DO YOU FIGURE THAT?

IT'S A DRAW.



YOU MANAGED TO GET THE SCROLL BACK, BUT YOU FAILED TO CATCH THE GOAT.



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CHAPTER 5: THE SEIZING THE TOP OF THE CHINESE ZODIAC CASE



I GUESS
WE SHOULD
GET READY,
TOO...

DECEMBER
ALWAYS
GOES BY
SO FAST.



THE
LIGHTS
ARE SO
PRETTY.

THE
WHOLE CITY'S
TOTALLY IN A
CHRISTMAS
MOOD.



INABA-SAN
THAT'S BOTH
GENERALLY
AND VISUALLY
BORING.

FOR
NEW
YEAR'S
CARDS.



WELL, IT
WAS THE
BOUR
THIS
YEAR...

WHAT
YEAR
OF THE
ZODIAC
IS IT
NEXT
YEAR?



THAT
MISTAKE
IS
BORING,
TOO!

I ACCIDEN-
TALLY WROTE
"NAGINO"
INSTEAD OF
"OGINO."



IT'S
THE YEAR
OF THE
CAT.



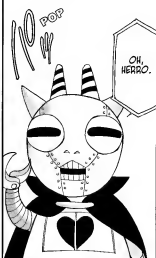


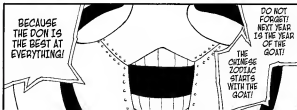
ARE YOU TRYING TO HARASS PEOPLE AS SOON AS THE YEAR STARTS?!

WHY IS IT A GOAT?!

SO IT IS HARASSMENT!









THEY'VE
ALREADY
STARTED
MOVING AND
HAVE BEEN
DESTROYING
POST OFFICES
IN THE CITY
ONE AFTER
ANOTHER.



HE SAYS THAT IF
FAMILY MEMBERS
CAN'T VERIFY THAT
A POST OFFICE
HAS DISPOSED
OF ITS STOCK,
THEN IT WILL BE
ATTACKED WITH
LASER BEAMS.

AFTER THIS,
HE DEMANDS
THAT ALL RAT NEW
YEAR'S CARDS BE
DISPOSED OF AT
POST OFFICES
NATIONWIDE.



THE
DON FROB
HAS MOVED
FROM THE
SUGINAMI
WARD TO THE
MAJINO
WARD.

AT ITS
CURRENT
RATE, IT'LL
BE HERE IN
SHINJUKU
WARD IN NO
TIME.

OH,
WAIT.

WHAT
THE HELL
IS GOING
ON WITH
THAT
ADDRESS-
PLATE?



BUT
WHY
CHIYODA
WARD?

I AM...?

CHIYODA
WARD LIES
JUST BEYOND
SHINJUKU
WARD.

WE'RE
GOING TO
STOP THEM
IN SHIN-
JUKU WARD.
NO MATTER
WHAT.



I'D
LIKE YOU
TO PILOT
IT.

IT WAS
CREATED
IN THE
SCIENCE
POLICE
RESEARCH
LAB.

THE LAW
ENFORCEMENT
TEAM ZERO
MECHANICS
STUDIES
RESEARCH
LABS
CREATED
IT.



THE
METROPOL-
ITAN POLICE
DEPARTMENT
HAS A
ROBOT
THAT CAN
FACE HIS.



AS THE PILOT,
YOU'LL BE SAFE.
THE MOST CUTTING
EDGE TECHNOLOGY
WILL PROTECT
YOU.

I
PRO-
MISE.

HIROSHI
IS PROOF
OF TEAM
ZERO'S
TECH-
NOLOGY.

JAPAN'S
SECRET
DOBERMANS
ARE BORN
THERE.



I'M
GOING
STRAIGHT
TO VALEN-
TINO.

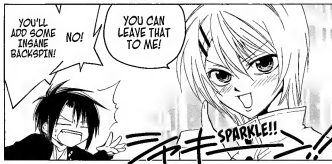
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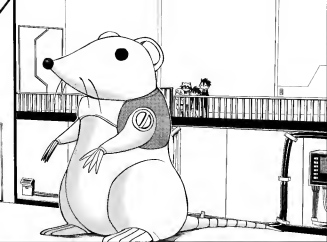


YOU'RE
NOT GOING
TO PILOT
IT, CIG-
SANT



DON'T
LET HIM
FOOL YOU. A
ROBOT AND I
WOULD HAVE
COME FROM
DIFFERENT
LABS.





**NOW
I'M SUPER
ANXIOUS!**



WHY DID
YOU
APPOINT
ME?

IT
COULD
HAVE
GIVEN
ANY-
BODY.

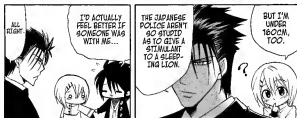


OGI-SAN,
MY HEART
IS WAVE-
ING!

I'M
LOSING
MY
TRUST
...

IT'S
ETO NO. 1
(CARRIES 2X)

THE NAME IS TAKEN
FROM THE FIRST
LETTERS OF ITS
CONCEPT WORDS:
ECO, TRADITIONAL,
AND OFFENSIVE.

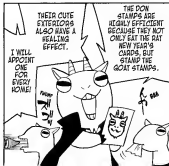


















OINK
フヒン
BOING
丑
OX
寅
TIGER
GRAB
卯
RABBIT
CRUNCH
辰
DRAGON
巳
SNAKE
午
HORSE
未
SHEEP
申
MONKEY
酉
ROOSTER
戌
DOG
亥
BOAR
PLUMP
FLUFF





KABOOM

WHOOSH

SORRY.



THANK
GOOD-
NESS!

YOU'RE
STILL
IN THE
CANINE
FAMILY!

I'M BURNT
TO A NICE,
FOX BROWN.
WHAT OF
IT?



OGI-SAN
IS INAGI-
SAN
ALIVE?

WELL
DONE,
AGI-
TANI.



I AM
IMMOR-
TAL,
I AM!



DID
HE
DIE?



THANK
GOOD-
NESS...
I DIDN'T
KILL
ANYONE.

DAMN
IT, HE
GOT
AWAY!

キラ
ン
SPARKLE

CRAP!
THE EYEBALL
WAS AN
ESCAPE
POD!



COME
BACK,
YEAR OF
THE RAT!

JAN-
UARY
1ST



I'LL
SEND
YOU A
YEAR OF
THE CAT
NEW
YEAR'S
CARD.

NOW,
NOW.

THOUGH
SADLY, I
ENDED
UP PROTECTING
THE YEAR OF
THE RAT.



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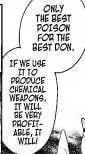
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CHAPTER 6: THE MOTHER AND CHILD'S STALKER CASE



THE AREA HAS BEEN COMPLETELY EXCAVATED, IT HAS!

かっ! ぽっ!

SCOOP SCOOP

SHE WON'T LET EVEN A TREE STAND IN HER WAY, SHE WON'T?!

ARE YOU DONE PLAYING IN THE DIRT?

MU-HA!

ARE YOU DONE PLAYING IN THE DIRT?

MU-HA!

THE KEY!

OH, NO!

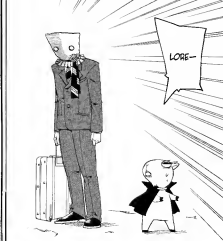
THE KEY!

OH, NO!













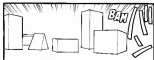


























SHUT
HER
MOUTH!

LORENZO!
SILENCE
THE
INFANT!



ALL
RIGHT!
WAIT
RIGHT
THERE,
AZUGA.



I HAVE
NEVER
SEEN
SUCH
BABY
TEETH!



EH?



AZUGA-
CHANG

KARU!



MA'AM!



OH,
WOW!
SO
STURDY!

SO THIS IS
THE KEY THAT
MR. GOAT IS
LOOKING
FOR.

NOTHING
LESS
FROM
ONE-
DAY'S
WIFE!



I-IS IT
OKAY TO
TAKE IT
OUT?

HOLD ON,
THE KEY'S
RIGHT
HERE.

ONCE
AGAIN,
RETRACT!

WELL-
EVERY-
THING BE
OKAY IF
I TAKE IT
OUT?



むー
うー

SHA,
SHA,
SHA,
SHA!

OR YOU
CAN SAY
GOODBYE
TO THE
INFANT!



EVERYONE
OTHER
THAN THE
MOTHER,
STAY
BACK!

LET US
TRADE
THE
INFANT
FOR THE
KEY.

WE
HAVE
NO
OTHER
CHO-
ICE.

70
y
SMACK

BAD!

I WON'T
GIVE YOU
BACK
YOUR KEY.

IF YOU
DON'T TELL
AZUSA-CHAN
YOU'RE
SORRY,

I DON'T
LIKE
MEAN MR.
GOATS.

WHAT
THE HELL
WAS THAT?
GROSS.

I'M
SORRY,
AZUSA-
CHAN.

BUSH



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I WAS WAITING FOR THE
SERIALIZED VOLUME. EVERYONE
SEEMS TO GET ALONG ON THEIR
PAY OFF. SORRY THIS IS SLIGHTLY
OFF-SEASON... YI CONGRATS!
BY PISO.



AUTHOR COMMENT ON COVER



MOCHI

MY FIRST SERIALISED VOLUME IN 5 YEARS

PLEASE DON'T LOOK FOR

THE SERIALISED VOLUME FROM 5 YEARS AGO

*AUTHOR COMMENT TAKEN ON COMIC RELEASE DATE

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